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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1636
Hidetoshi UEMURA et al.)
Appln. No.: 09/856,319) Examiner: D. Sullivan
Filed: May 21, 2000) Washington, D.C.
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For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE ...)

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2003, please amend as follows according to the Revised Format (PTO Notice of February 20, 2003):